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you couldn't. That's just one of those errors that happens sometimes.

SENATOR WILTSE: In this particular connection, the bill was advanced with 6 of the Committee voting for it and 1 against it. There was no testimony against the bill. My reason for presenting it in particular is this that I had complaints from three different groups where hunters coming in from, we will say St. Joe, Missouri where they came from, taking out as many as 200 of these animals in one weekend and, naturally, they are interested in it from their own welfare since they appreciated hunting also and the sale of the pelt as well as the carcass. The remuneration from this particular weekend would be the equal of about \$300 since they had taken over 200 animals with them at about \$15 per pelt and \$10 per carcass. So it is quite remunerative for those that are coming in and taking something from our own state that we would like to protect for our own people. I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh. The chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: I do not wish to speak to the amendment. I want to speak to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is up. All right. Are you ready? The question is, the adoption of the amendments to LB 195. Record your vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, you wish to speak to the bill, itself.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Wiltse would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Would you respond to a question of Senator Maresh, Senator Wiltse?

SENATOR WILTSE: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Wiltse, the raccoon is very destructive to buildings. They tear the shingles off. Would this make it legal for farmers to shoot them at will, if, say if they have got a lot of coons, that he could trap them or shoot them without any questions asked.

SENATOR WILTSE: If you will refer to your bill, you will see that it is provided for protection of the individual against any of his crop or property and he has the privilege of disposing of the animal in the case that should be true.

SENATOR MARESH: But it could not be sold for a fur, I mean, if it were shot to protect the buildings, the pelts can be sold then. Right.

SENATOR WILTSE: That's correct. The pelt will not be saleable. That's the way I understand it because you would have to have a license. Now another one that you are probably aware of. The coon is very fond of sweet corn. The raccoon, I beg your pardon, and they can destroy a lot in a very short time and you have the provision so that you can destroy the animal if he gets into your chicken pen or something of that kind so you